

## TRANSFERS BATTLE IN CONGRESS WITH OPENING OF BODY

Early Conferences to Be Held on Subject—Darr Presents Matter.

With the opening of Congress on Monday, the universal transfer fight will be started at the Capitol. Conference with Senator Works, Congressman Johnson, chairman of the House District Committee, and other leaders, will be held by the executive committee of the citizens' conference on universal transfers.

The whole transfer situation already has been laid before Senator Works by Charles W. Darr, chairman of the citizens' conference. In his letter yesterday to the Senator, Mr. Darr declared the agitation over the question in the District is widespread, and that every citizens' association has passed resolutions advocating free, universal and reciprocal transfers.

Almost Unanimous.

"And, furthermore," wrote Mr. Darr, "they are almost unanimous in deciding upon a measure which they feel will not only be universally accepted, but if enacted into law, will be sufficiently comprehensive to withstand any possible attack by the traction companies."

A subcommittee of the citizens' conference of representatives of the several citizens' associations for the purpose of preparing this measure, the draft prepared by them was submitted to the general conference, and unanimously approved. The Commissioners, at my request, granted a public hearing to the members of the conference, at which it was decided to make a comparison of the bill presented by you at the last session of the Senate.

"At a second hearing the latest revised draft was submitted for the approval of the Commissioners, who agreed to take the matter into consideration, and the question now rests in that state."

Observed in Times.

"I observe, upon reading an article contained in a recent issue of The Times that you will be pleased to confer with the representatives of the civic associations upon the question of free transfers. I desire to say that the people of the District of Columbia are not only undecided on this question, but, on the contrary, every citizens' association that has considered this measure has passed favorably upon what is known as the conference draft. This draft contains some of the provisions of the Works bill, and some additional provisions."

A conference with the Senator is expected to be held early next week. At that time it is expected decision will be reached as to the form of the bill to be introduced in Congress.

## Georgetown Maccabees Elect New Officers

The following officers were elected at a meeting of Georgetown Tent, No. 1, K. O. T. M., Friday night, thirty-second and M streets: D. F. Finnacone, commander; W. E. Shipman, lieutenant commander; J. L. Neeb, recorder; L. R. Lowe, chaplain; W. E. Hunter, sergeant; J. W. Fletcher, master-at-arms; W. W. Burch, first master of the guards; R. L. Sykes, second master; A. C. Dagenhart, sentinel; Cecil Smith, picket; Frank Tennison, picket for three years.

State Commander D. W. Gall was present at the meeting.

## Church Chorus Will Sing "The Beatitudes"

"The Beatitudes," a cantata by Ashford, will be presented at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening at Ingram Memorial Congregational Church, Tenth street and Massachusetts avenue northwest. The solo parts will be presented by Miss Mabel Latimer, soprano; Miss Marion McCoy, alto; J. K. Morton, tenor; Edwin Callow, baritone, and Oscar Gardner, basso. The chorus of fifty voices will be under the direction of Mrs. Henry Hunt McKee, organist.

## J. H. Saunders Buried.

The Rev. Earl Willey, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, officiated at the funeral services for John H. Saunders, eighty-two years old, for twenty-five years a trustee and employee in the Treasury Department, held this afternoon at his residence, 1435 S street northwest. Interment was in Rock Creek Cemetery. Mr. Saunders was a veteran of the civil war, and members of the Union Veteran Union were present at the ceremonies.

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## CHARGE ATTENDANT WITH STRIKING AN INMATE OF ASYLUM

John B. Turner Accused of Beating Patient at Government Insane Hospital.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ANACOSTIA, D. C., DEC. 2.

John B. Turner, thirty-seven years old, employed as an attendant in the Government Hospital for the Insane, was arrested on the grounds of that institution yesterday, and locked up in the Anacostia police station, charged with assaulting an insane patient. The prisoner denied the charge of committing an unprovoked assault, claiming he had acted in self-defense. His appearance indicated he had been in a rough-and-tumble fight, as his eyes were blackened and swollen.

The name of the patient was not revealed.

John A. Millard represented the hospital authorities as complainant. It was claimed a shoe had been used to beat the patient.

Turner obtained his release last night by depositing \$10 at the Anacostia station as collateral, the amount being determined following an investigation of the alleged assault by Policemen C. J. P. Wickett. He would not appear in Police Court today, it was stated, preferring to forfeit the collateral.

Citizens of Anacostia are endeavoring to ascertain what the plans of the District Commissioners are with reference to the expenditure of \$2,000, appropriated by Congress at its last session for the improvement of streets. No part of the appropriation has yet been expended. Reasons for delay in the work have been asked for by Maurice Otterback, treasurer of the association.

Mr. Otterback has protested to the Engineer Commissioner against the reported intention of the department to have no further granolithic sidewalks and curbing laid in the town.

The extension of the streets through Fairlawn, Anacostia's newest addition, having been completed, plans are being drawn for the erection of a number of houses there by Oscar C. Brothers, Jr., the owner. At least four dwellings will be erected, above Valley place. The main entrance to the Government Hospital for the Insane is to be improved with 150 feet of granite curb, cement sidewalk, and vitrified paving block on the west side of Nichols avenue.

James J. Glennan, who recently purchased the Bartley estate, in Mt. View place, adjoining Morris road, has moved into the dwelling.

Charged with permitting his chickens to run at large on the Catholic School property in V street, Henry Butler, colored, of 1451 S street, was required to deposit \$1 at the police station last night.

Mincola Tribe, No. 14, Improved Order of Red Men, made arrangements at its meeting, last evening, to attend the Thanksgiving services in the District in a body tomorrow evening, in the First M. P. Church. The Rev. William A. Melvin, pastor, will deliver the sermon. The tribe initiated one candidate last evening, and welcomed Harry E. Eno, long-time member, on his return from Cincinnati, where he spent several months.

Part of a chandelier at 2545 Nichols avenue fell yesterday when an attempt was made to light the gas. Police and firemen responded to a telephone summons, and the blaze was extinguished before it had caused much damage. William L. Wines occupies the dwelling, which is owned by Mrs. Mary Hackett.

Among the Eleventh precinct police who have been granted annual leave are Policemen P. J. Whelan, A. L. Lucas, and J. M. Horten.

## Meeting for Scout Masters Postponed

The initial meeting for the instruction of scout masters in the Boy Scout movement, which was scheduled for tonight at the Carnegie Library, has been postponed, owing to the fact that the lecture hall had previously been engaged for other purposes, and that a new class at the Y. M. C. A. will require the presence of many of the young men who would have otherwise attended the scout meeting.

The date of the meeting will be announced later by E. C. Martin, Superintendent of Playgrounds.

## "BOOTSEY" PRATHER HELD FOR MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE

Rockville Jury Finds Verdict After Short Hearing of Evidence.

ROCKVILLE, Dec. 2.—The jury in the case of Joseph, alias "Bootsey," Prather, colored, charged with the murder of his cousin, Alfred Prather, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree.

The trial began yesterday afternoon. The State was represented by Bowie F. Waters, Alexander Kilgour defended Prather. Judges Peter and Metter presided.

The testimony was to the effect that at an oyster supper and a cider drinking at the home of Ed Lyles, colored, near Goshen, November 18, Alfred Prather and another man had trouble, and while they were fighting Joseph went up to them and attempted to pull his cousin away. The shot was fired, but just what happened immediately preceding the shot none of the witnesses seemed to know.

Joseph Prather, however, testified that when he went up to his brother and the other man and attempted to separate them, Alfred struck at him, and he used his revolver. Alfred was shot in the abdomen. He was taken to a Washington hospital, and died the following night. Joseph was arrested at his home by Deputy Sheriff Etchison.

Under the direction of D. W. Thayer, of Washington, a camp of Modern Woodmen of America has been organized at Gaithersburg, with the following officers: Consul commander, Roland N. Walker; adviser, Lieutenant Claude W. Owen; banker, I. G. Ward; clerk and physician, Dr. Carleton N. Etchison; escort, Jesse Briggs; watchman, Herman C. Briggs; sentry, Ollie Smith; deputy, Dr. Bates Etchison.

The young men of Gaithersburg and vicinity gave their annual Thanksgiving ball in Masonic Hall, Gaithersburg, Thursday night. It was attended by a large number of guests from this county, Washington, Baltimore, and other places. The committee in charge was composed of Dr. Bates Etchison, J. Frank Trzaskare, Roland N. Walker, and Forrest Walker.

## FOUR LEAP FROM WINDOW OF HOME TO ESCAPE FLAMES

Turnure Family Has Close Call—Awakened From Sleep by Blaze.

Four persons narrowly escaped with their lives shortly before 2 o'clock this morning when fire was discovered in the home of Edward D. Turnure, 134 F street southeast.

With escape by the stairway cut off, Mr. and Mrs. Turnure, their son, Grant, and Mrs. Turnure's father, Capt. J. W. Jones, of the Capitol police force, fought their way through the flames and smoke to the hallway to the rear room on the second floor. Hardly had they reached this room, when the flames burst through the door, forcing them to jump from the window to the roof of a shed twelve feet below.

The night clothes of Captain Jones and Mrs. Turnure caught fire before they got out of the house, but they were not badly burned. Mrs. Turnure, however, was considerably shaken up when she jumped from the window, and she is also suffering from exposure. The members of the household were given shelter in the home of a neighbor.

About 2 o'clock Mrs. Turnure was awakened by the smell of smoke. She roused her husband, who jumped out of bed and opened the door leading to the hallway. As he did so the flames burst into the room. The stairway and both the upper and lower hallways were ablaze.

Realizing that there was no time to be lost if they were to get out of the house before all means of exit had been cut off, Mrs. Turnure helped her wife then went back and awakened his father-in-law and son, who were sleeping in adjoining rooms.

There was no time to put on clothes, and Captain Jones and Grant Turnure had considerable difficulty in fighting their way through the smoke. The back room door was closed, and as a result the family could remain there until the arrival of the firemen, who could get them out with ladders. A moment later, however, the flames burned through the door and the smoke in the room was so dense that it was necessary to get out at once. Mr. Turnure jumped down on the shed and assisted his wife out, catching her as the others let her down. Captain Jones and Grant Turnure followed. Just as young Turnure got out the woodwork around the window caught fire.

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